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14 July

On 12 and 13 July, slightly cloudy, dry and hot weather continued in most of the European USSR. In the Urals and the Volga Region, heavy showers fell locally and it became somewhat cooler.

On 13 July, the noon temperature reached 13 degrees in Sverdlovsk, 16 in Ufa, 20 in Kirov and Kuybyshev, 21 in Arkhangelsk, 22 in Kazan' and Chkalov, 23 in Riga, 24 in Gor'kiy, and 25 in Saratov. During the day, it was 26 in Vologda, 27 in Stalingrad, 28 in Voronezh, Kursk, Orel, and Leningrad, 29 in Moscow, Minsk, Lvov, Voroshilovgrad, and Krasnodar, 31 in Rostov on the Don and Kiev, and 34 in Kishinev.

On 12 July, light rains amounting to 2-4 millimeters locally fell in the northern regions, Urals, Middle Volga Region, eastern Ukraine, and Rostov Oblast. During the first 12 hours of 13 July, rain fell in the Urals.

The hot and dry weather is speeding up the growth of crops. Winter rye has reached waxy maturity in Smolensk and Vladimir oblasts. Spring wheat has reached milky maturity around Sarapul', waxy maturity in Voronezh Oblast. Oats have matured in southern Belorussia. The mass harvest of grains is in progress under favorable conditions in the North Caucasus, Lower Volga Region, and in the Ukraine.

Potatoes have finished flowering in the Ukraine and their growth is proceeding under entirely favorable conditions. Potatoes are flowering in the central regions.

Rain fell in West Siberia. Daytime temperatures on 13 July reached 19 degrees in Barnaul, 23 in Novosibirsk, and 27 in Omsk. In northern Omsk Oblast, winter rye has reached milky maturity and spring wheat has finished flowering.

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Hot and dry weather with daytime temperatures of about 32-36 degrees continued in Central Asia.

17 July

On 15 and 16 July, slightly cloudy, dry, and very hot weather continued in most of the European USSR. It was moderately warm only in the north and in the Urals; during the day, the temperature rose to only 19-21 degrees there. Maximum temperatures rose to 30-34 degrees almost everywhere else, and reached 36 degrees in the south.

There were thunderstorms on 16 July in the Latvian SSR, Belorussia, and in the western and southern areas of the central regions. Local rains also fell in the southern Ukraine, Caucasus, Middle Volga Region, and in western Kazakhstan.

The grain harvest is proceeding under favorable conditions in the southern half of the European USSR; in the northern half, hay grasses are being harvested. Winter rye has fully matured in Bryansk and Tambov oblasts.

It was moderately warm and rain fell in West Siberia.

19 July

On 17 July, overcast weather with rain prevailed in the northern and western regions as well as in some areas of the central regions of the European USSR. Locally, the amount of precipitation which fell there exceeded 5-10 millimeters. Hot weather mostly without precipitation continued in most of the remainder of the European USSR.

On 18 July, it became slightly cooler in the central and western regions. The former hot weather continued in the eastern Ukraine, Crimea, North Caucasus, and in the southeastern European USSR.

Overcast weather with rain prevailed in northwestern Kazakhstan, Omsk and Irkutsk oblasts, and in Transbaykal.

21 July

On 19 and 20 July, moderately warm, cloudy weather with rain continued in most of the European USSR. Slightly cloudy, hot weather mostly without precipitation prevailed only in the southeastern regions. Quite heavy rains (more than 4 millimeters) fell in the northwestern and extreme northeastern European USSR, in the eastern and southern central regions, as well as in most of the Ukraine and in Krasnodar Kray.

On 20 July, noon temperatures were 13 degrees in Velikiye Luki, 16 in Leningrad, Riga, Minsk, and Lvov, 17 in Gor'kiy and Moscow, 18 in Orel, Kursk, and Kiev, 20 in Kishinev, 21 in Tambov and Dnepropetrovsk, 23 in Voroshilovgrad and Simferopol', 25 in Rostov on the Don, 28 in Stalingrad, 30 in Saratov, and 33 in Kuybyshev.

Cloudy weather with rain prevailed in most of West Siberia. Quite heavy rain fell in some areas of Tyumen' and eastern Novosibirsk oblasts. Rain also fell in southern Krasnoyarsk Kray and in Transbaykal.

Winter rye has reached milky maturity in Transbaykal, waxy maturity in most areas of Novosibirsk Oblast. In Altay Kray, the winter rye harvest is beginning.

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24 July

On 23 and 24 July, overcast weather with rain prevailed in most of the European USSR. Quite heavy rains fell in most areas of the Ukraine, in the North Caucasus, and in the Transcaucasus. Warm and dry weather continued only in the east and southeast.

Temperatures were 16 degrees in Leningrad, 10 in Moscow, Riga, and Voronezh, 17 in Vologda and Krasnodar, 10 in Tambov, Saratov, Voroshilovgrad, Rostov on the Don, and Simferopol, 11 in Odessa and Krasnodar, 21 in Gor'kiy, 24 in Stalin-grad, 26 in Ufa, 17 in Sverdlovsk, and 10 in Kuybyshev and Chkalov.

The rains have moistened the soil well and created favorable conditions for the growth of root and late spring crops.

Spring wheat has reached waxy maturity in southern Belorussia, Kursk, Voronezh, Tambov, Penza and Kuybyshev oblasts, southern Bashkiria, and Chelyabinsk Oblast. It has reached waxy maturity in the eastern European USSR, southern areas, northeast, as well as in most areas of the central regions and Belorussia.

Slightly cloudy, warm weather continued in West Siberia and Kazakhstan. On 23 July, the daytime temperature was 28-30 degrees there.

26 July

On 24 July, overcast weather with rain and, locally, with strong winds was observed in the central regions of the European USSR, in the Middle and Upper Volga regions, and in the northern regions. Quite heavy rains, exceeding 30 millimeters, were observed in the central regions; in the 24-hour period, they amounted to 60 millimeters in Moscow, 60 in Ryazan, 58 in Pavlovo, and 40 in Yaroslavl. Cloudy weather with showers and local thunderstorms continued in the eastern regions. In the southern and western areas of the European USSR, slightly cloudy weather prevailed.

During the first 12 hours of 25 July, rain fell in the northeastern and, locally, in the northern and central regions. At noon on 25 July, it was 10 degrees in Arkhangelsk, 12 in Petrozavodsk and Moscow, 15 in Kirov, 16 in Leningrad, Vologda, and Gor'kiy, 17 in Velikiye Luki, Orel, Tambov, and Saratov, 18 in Kazan, Riga, Minsk, Kuybyshev, Voronezh, and Kursk, 20 in Ufa, 21 in Irkutsk, 22 in Kiev, 25 in Rostov on the Don, Simferopol, Krasnodar, and Nal'chik, 26 in Sverdlovsk and Makhachkala, and 18 in Tbilisi.

Very warm weather continued in most of West Siberia, Kazakhstan, and Central Asia. During the day of 25 July, it was 18 degrees in Krasnoyarsk, 30 in Tobolsk and Novosibirsk, 31 in Omsk and Barnaul, and 30-34 degrees in Central Asia and Kazakhstan.

The rains which fell during the last days have moistened the soil well and have created favorable conditions for the growth of root and late spring crops.

Winter rye has reached full maturity in Ryazan, Tula, and Ulyanovsk oblasts and in southern Belorussia. North of a line running through Riga, Minsk, Velikiye Luki, Ivanovo, and Kirov, it has reached milky maturity. Winter wheat has reached waxy maturity in the southern central regions, in most areas of Gor'kiy Oblast, in Tataria, Bashkiria, and in southern Chelyabinsk Oblast.

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28 July

On 26 and 27 July, cool, cloudy weather with considerable rain continued in the northern and eastern regions of the European USSR. Rain also fell in the western and central Ukraine. In the rest of the European USSR, cloudy weather with clearing and without precipitation prevailed.

On 27 July, noon temperatures were 10 degrees in Vologda, 11 in Kirov, 12 in Arkhangelsk, Gor'kiy, and Kazan', 14 in Ufa, 15 in Moscow, Kuybyshev, and Lvov, 16 in Petrozavodsk, 18 in Velikiye Luki and Orel, 19 in Saratov, 20 in Chkalov, 21 in Minsk, 22 in Kursk and Voronezh, 23 in Riga, 26 in Kishinev and Makhachkala, 27 in Stalingrad and Nalchik, 28 in Krasnodar, 29 in Odessa, 30 in Voroshilovgrad, and 32 in Dnepropetrovsk, Simferopol', and Tbilisi. Hot dry weather continued in Central Asia and in most of Kazakhstan and West Siberia.

The rains which fell in the western and central Ukraine were very good for late spring crops. Corn is flowering in most of the Ukraine. Its condition is very good.

Winter rye has reached waxy maturity in Tyumen', Omsk, Novosibirsk, and Kemerovo oblasti.

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